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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 25, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 25, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 25, 2003 Office Action is due August 25, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

In the July 25, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly independent and distinct inventions characterized by the following Groups I-XI:

- I. Group I, Claims 1-17, drawn to a regulatory peptide having at least one of cell growth and cell differentiation activity, classified in class 514, subclass 2;
- II. Claims 18-27 and 30, drawn to a method of using a regulatory peptide having at least one of cell growth and cell differentiation activity, classified in class